

## 2017 FJCL State Latin Forum History of the Roman Empire

**N.B. Choose the best possible answer.**

1. Who led a conspiracy against Nero in 65 A.D.?  
a. Lucan                      b. Seneca                      c. Piso                      d. Vindex
2. What emperor first attempted to abolish Christianity throughout the Empire?  
a. Maximinus                      b. Decius                      c. Philip                      d. Valerian
3. How was Ataulf, who led the Visigoths into Gaul in 412 A.D., related to his predecessor Alaric?  
a. brother-in-law                      b. son-in-law                      c. brother                      d. son
4. What office did Augustus assume in 12 B.C.?  
a. *Princeps Civitatis*                      b. *Praefectus Urbi*  
c. *Pater Patriae*                      d. *Pontifex Maximus*
5. Where did Licinius suffer his final defeat in 324 A.D.?  
a. Pannonia                      b. Adrianople                      c. Nicomedia                      d. Chrysopolis
6. Stephanus, a palace domestic, has been named as the assassin of which emperor?  
a. Domitian                      b. Nero                      c. Caligula                      d. Galba
7. At the fall of the Western Roman Empire, we know that Odoacer/Odovacar deposed Romulus Augustulus, but who was the emperor in the east?  
a. Marcian                      b. Zeno                      c. Leo II                      d. Anastasius
8. To what Syrian queen was Septimus Severus married?  
a. Julia Maesa                      b. Julia Soaemias                      c. Julia Domna                      d. Julia Mamaea
9. What Illyrian emperor followed Tacitus and his brother Florianus?  
a. Aurelian                      b. Numerianus                      c. Probus                      d. Carus
10. As the first emperor who claimed divinity during his life, Caligula ordered a legate Petronius to set up his statue where?  
a. in the temple of Jupiter Optimus Maximus  
b. on the Acropolis near the Parthenon  
c. in the temple at Jerusalem  
d. in the center of the *Forum Romanum*
11. What “ignoble son of a noble father” had himself depicted with Hercules’ emblems of a club and lion’s skin and appeared frequently in the arena as a hunter of wild beasts or gladiator?  
a. Justinian                      b. Commodus                      c. Elagabalus                      d. Pertinax

12. Which Greek town in Egypt was founded by Hadrian?  
a. Ptolemais      b. Alexandria      c. Naucratis      d. Antinoopolis
13. Where did Augustus die?  
a. Rome      b. Nola      c. Ostia      d. Capri
14. What wife of an emperor was particularly active in promoting the cult of Cybele and was deified immediately after her death, ca. 140 A.D.?  
a. Vibia Sabina      b. Plotina      c. Faustina      d. Bruttia Crispina
15. From what did Gratian withdraw imperial support in 382 A.D.?  
a. gladiatorial games involving prisoners of war  
b. crucifixions as a standard death penalty  
c. official recognition of pagan worship  
d. mandatory military service for non-Romans
16. What enemies of Rome did Vologases lead in 51 A.D.?  
a. Parthians      b. Armenians      c. Dacians      d. Numidians
17. Who assisted Caracalla in the murder of his own brother Geta?  
a. Artabanus      b. Macrinus      c. Diadumenianus      d. Papinianus
18. Who was the early martyr of the Christian Church who completely overturned the existing male-dominated social and political order at Carthage in 203 A.D.?  
a. Agnes      b. Perpetua      c. Euphemia      d. Blandina
19. Which emperor is primarily responsible for building the Pantheon, even though he preserved the conventional façade and Agrippa's dedicatory inscription?  
a. Marcus Aurelius      b. Hadrian      c. Antoninus Pius      d. Domitian
20. Who was the first wife of the emperor Claudius?  
a. Agrippina the Younger      b. Aelia Paetina  
c. Valeria Messalina      d. Plautia Urgulanilla
21. Who was one of the most important freedwomen in Roman history, who served both Claudius and Nero and became Vespasian's mistress until his marriage?  
a. Antonia Caenis      b. Claudia Acte      c. Poppaea Sabina      d. Flavia Domitilla
22. Diocletian's first edict against the Christians, issued in 303 A.D., called for what?  
a. imprisonment of Christian clergy of all ranks  
b. mandatory sacrifices to the state gods  
c. destruction of Christian churches and books  
d. immediate loss of privileges for Christians of higher classes
23. Who was Constantine's mother whose conversion to Christianity has been distorted by the biases of Christian boosters and pagan distractors?  
a. Fausta      b. Helena      c. Theodora      d. Eutropia

24. What German was the virtual ruler of the western Empire from 456 A.D. until his death in 472 A.D.?  
a. Aetius                      b. Majorian                      c. Ricimer                      d. Glycerius
25. Of whom was Boadicea/Boudicca the queen?  
a. Trinovantes                      b. Segontiaci                      c. Atrebatas                      d. Iceni
26. What future emperor once fled Rome in the disguise of a priest of Isis?  
a. Claudius                      b. Otho                      c. Domitian                      d. Nerva
27. In 73 A.D., what sheer rock fortress was taken by the Romans after a six-month siege and the construction of a large earthen ramp?  
a. Herodium                      b. Masada                      c. Caesarea                      d. Jerusalem
28. Three catastrophes marred the brief reign of Titus: the violent eruption of Vesuvius and subsequent destruction of Herculaneum, Stabiae and Pompeii; a great fire in Rome which raged for three days; and...  
a. a plague descended on Campania  
b. a massive rebellion by the people of Judaea  
c. a conspiracy plot by Saturninus, the governor of upper Germany  
d. a significant military loss at the hands of a Sarmatian tribe
29. What king's death is dramatically detailed on the column of Trajan?  
a. Decebalus                      b. Axidares                      c. Chosroes                      d. Parthamaspates
30. What province did Pescennius Niger govern prior to his revolt against Didius Julianus and Septimius Severus?  
a. Cilicia                      b. Syria                      c. Lycia                      d. Pisidia
31. Who was the first *princeps* to reach the throne without prior membership in the Senate?  
a. Severus Alexander                      b. Caracalla  
c. Macrinus                      d. Lucius Verus
32. At what battle did Constantine order the *chi* and *rho* to be placed upon the shields of his soldiers?  
a. Edessa                      b. Mons Seleucus                      c. Lugdunum                      d. Milvian Bridge
33. Where did Maximian establish his imperial residence?  
a. Thessalonica                      b. Milan                      c. Nicomedia                      d. Rome
34. In 429 A.D. whom did Gaiseric lead to begin seizing North Africa?  
a. Vandals                      b. Suevi                      c. Huns                      d. Franks
35. Against what bishop of Constantinople did the Augusta Eudoxia conspire?  
a. John Chrysostom                      b. Theophilus  
c. Gaudentius of Brescia                      d. Proclus

36. Augustus personally led the fight against the Cantabrians and Asturians around 27 BC in what location?  
 a. Armenia                      b. Illyricum                      c. Spain                      d. Macedonia
37. Who successfully urged Tiberius into semi-retirement in 26 A.D.?  
 a. Agrippina                      b. Sejanus                      c. Thrasyllus                      d. Livia
38. Which emperor affronted the Senate by becoming the first to hold the office of censor and purging that body of some old members?  
 a. Augustus                      b. Tiberius                      c. Caligula                      d. Claudius
39. Where did Vespasian send Petilius Cerialis and Julius Frontinus to resume Rome’s conquest?  
 a. Germany                      b. Armenia                      c. Britain                      d. Syria
40. Who was the first emperor of provincial origin?  
 a. Vespasian                      b. Trajan                      c. Hadrian                      d. Commodus
41. Whom did Hadrian commission to draw up an *edictum perpetuum* binding all present and future praetors to a set code of laws and court procedures?  
 a. Salvius Julianus                      b. Lusius Quietus                      c. Marcius Turbo                      d. Annius Verus
42. Which council did Constantine summon in Bithynia in 325 A.D.?  
 a. Chalcedon                      b. Nicaea                      c. Ephesus                      d. Ancyra
43. What emperor served as the last to rule over both the western and eastern halves of the empire?  
 a. Valens                      b. Honorius                      c. Theodosius                      d. Gratian
44. Romulus Augustulus was appointed emperor by whom?  
 a. the Roman people                      b. his armies  
 c. the Senate                      d. his father
45. When did Augustus revive the *Ludi Saeculares*?  
 a. 21 BC                      b. 19 BC                      c. 17 BC                      d. 15 BC
46. Who was Augustus’ first choice as successor?  
 a. M. Claudius Marcellus                      b. M. Vipsanius Agrippa  
 c. G. Julius Caesar                      d. Ti. Claudius Nero
47. What Danubian officer killed Arrius Aper with his own hand and was then proclaimed emperor by his troops?  
 a. Diocletian                      b. Numerian                      c. Carus                      d. Florianus
48. What was the name of the Armenian king who was killed by his own nephew Radamistus with some assistance from the Romans in 52?  
 a. Gotarzes                      b. Tiridates                      c. Mithridates                      d. Artabanus

49. Who taught rhetoric to Marcus Aurelius?

- a. Cassiodorus      b. Quintilian      c. Diognetus      d. Fronto

50. Under whose leadership was Mauretania divided into two imperial provinces?

- a. Augustus      b. Tiberius      c. Caligula      d. Claudius